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Cuba Executes Three Alleged to Be U.S. Agents

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HAVANA, Cuba, Aug. 11

(Reuters) — Three alleged agents of a United States spying were executed here yesterday on charges of preparing to sabotage Cuba's merchant navy, it was announced today.

The three, all Cubans, were said to have been enlisted by the Central Intelligence Agency in European ports.

They were shot within hours of their trial. Several other alleged members of the ring received prison terms.

Official Announcement

Official announcement published in the press said the spy-ring received incendiary bombs and explosives for blowing up cargoes and sabotaging Havana dock high power radio transmission plants and secret writing material for passing on military and economic information to the United States.

The three men executed were Roberto Fernandez Cobo, Raul Pereira Castaneda and Roger Sabino Sopena Hinjosa.

They were crew members of

two Cuban merchant ships and were alleged to have been recruited in Europe by a CIA official known as Peter.

A deserter from the Cuban merchant navy whose name was given as Manuel Cajabille Leboque helped with the recruiting in Hamburg.

Hinjosa was accused of being entrusted with destroying 45,000 cases of cod aboard his ship "Manuel Ascencio" and of sabotaging Havana's dry dock with eight incendiary bombs supplied him by the CIA.

Served In Prison

Cobo, who was a crew member of the Gonzalez Lines, had already served prison terms on drug charges and smuggling contraband. He was alleged to have introduced incendiary bombs into the country.

It was said that all were paid in dollars for their activities.

The press published photos of bombs, explosives and transmission material claimed to have been found in the network's possession.